Funds allotted to Bihar for digging wells

3999. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted any funds to Bihar for digging of wells in the villages where the drinking water was not available during the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thertfor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide drinking water in these villages of the State:

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which drinking water is likely to be provided in all the problem villages of the State; and

(e) the amount allocated for purpose during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) The allocation of funds is made to States for Rural Water Supply Programme as a whole and no funds are allocated separately for digging of wells in villages.

(c) to (e) All the problem villages as per 1985 list have been covered in Bihar. However, to provide drinking water in the uncovered and partially covered newly identified habitations, the following amount was allocated and released under ARWSP to the State:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocation	Release
1993-94 . . .	48.560	48.560
1994-95 . . .	54.690	48.04

Target to provide all-whether roads to villages

4000. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1645 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd March, 1995 and State:

(a) the State-wise allocation of funds made to connect each and every village in the countryy with all-weather roads; and

(b) the efforts made so far to implement the above objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) A Statement showing state-wise funds earmarked for construction of roads in villages under Minimum Needs Programme during the Eighth Five Year Plan is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Connectivity of villages with all weather roads under MNP is a state subject and funds for rural roads are provided in the State Plan|Budget. The Planning Commssion earmarks funds for MNP (Rural Roads) to avoid diversion of funds to other road schemes/ projects.

Statement

State-wise funds Earmarked for Construction of roads in villages

(Rs. in Crores)

	States	8th Plan (1992–97) Earmarked
1.	Andhra Pradesh	29.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	75.00
3.	Assam	100.00
4.	Bihar	720,00
5.	Goa	..
6.	Gujarat	35.00
7.	Haryana	6.40
8.	Himachal Pradesh	91.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	38.00
10.	Karnataka	120.00
11.	Kerala	..
12.	Madhya Pradesh	110.00
13.	Maharashtra	100.00
14.	Manipur	40.00
15.	Meghalaya	25.00
16.	Mizoram	52.00
17.	Nagaland	30.00
18.	Orissa	80.00
19.	Punjab	..
20.	Rajasthan	200.00
21.	Sikkim	40.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	93.00
23.	Tripura	45.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	950.00
25.	West Bengal	82.00
	TOTAL (STATES)	3061.40

States	8th Plan (1992—97) Earmarked
Union Territories:	
26. A&N Island	..
27. Chandigarh	2.00
28. D&N Haveli	1.90
29. Daman & Diu	6.80
30. Delhi	..
31. Lakshdweep	..
32. Pondicherry	..
TOTAL (UTs)	4.70

Rural employment scheme

4001. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently chalked out any rural employment scheme which provides more opportunities for the population of rural areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c) to provide more employment opportunities to the population in the rural areas, the Government of India has implemented two major employment schemes viz. (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), and (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). IRDP aims to provide self-employment opportunities for families living below poverty line in the rural areas. Under the schemes, assistance in the form of subsidy by the Gvernment and term credit by Financial Institutions are provided to the beneficiaries for purchase of productive assets. With the help of these assets, a wide ranging income generating activities can be taken up by the beneficiaries in various sectors of the economy.

Similarly, JRY is a major wage employment programme, the primary objective of which is to provide wage employment to the rural poor. Under the scheme people living below the poverty line are the target group & preference is given to SC/ST/Freed bonded labourers & 30 per cent opportunities are earmarked for the women. Besides this scheme, from 1993-94 two more important wage employment programmes, viz. Intensified JRY in 120 backward Districts of the country and Employment Assurance Scheme in more than 2000 backward & tribal blocks of the country are under implementation. Thus, Government is taking all possible steps for providing employment opportunities to the population in the rural areas.